

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. No Claims have been amended. Claims 10-16 have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, claims 1-9 and 17-24 are now are presented for examination.

Restriction Requirement/Election

In response to the examiner's Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicant elects Group I of claims 1-9 and 17-24 ("drawn to a method for seeding a pseudo-random number generator") for examination.

Group II of claims 10-16 ("drawn to a method of encrypting a message for secure transmission") are cancelled without prejudice.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

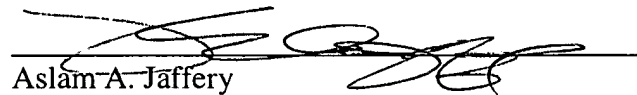
Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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